

\$500,000 COMBINE FORMED

Boston May Lose Place as the Greatest Market for Catch on Coast.

PLANTS READY IN MAINE

Fleet of 65 to Bring In Supply and All of Product Will Be Utilized.

The tail of the Sacred Cod is wringing in anxiety over the news of the organization of the \$500,000 Eastern Coast Fisheries Products Company by the same group of capitalists, with I. M. Taylor of I. M. Taylor & Co., bankers, 7 Wall street, as the head, which formed the \$100,000 Eastern Coast Fisheries Company three years ago. The anxiety is due to imaginings as to whether Boston is to lose her place on the map as the greatest of fish markets on the Atlantic coast.

The new corporation comes into being as a merger of old established concerns operating seven canning, salting, shredding and curing plants and a total of sixty-five fishing vessels. Its various activities will make it the largest concern of its kind in the country.

The output of these plants will be added to by catches of fish made by the Eastern Coast Fisheries Company, which now has five steam trawlers in operation. The company will have launched five additional trawlers by December 1 and still has contracts out for five more. It was the Eastern Coast Fisheries Company which set the Fulton Market wholesale fish dealers by the ears last spring by landing trawler loads of fresh cod and haddock in New York direct from the north Atlantic fishing banks.

The Eastern Coast Fisheries Products Company has taken over four plants of the Lawrence Canning Company at Rockland and Concord Springs, Me., which have belonged to the same family for four generations. It has also taken over the plants of Stanley & Joyce at Swan's Island, Me., and of F. N. Johnson & Co. at Minto, Me., owned by the Great Eastern Fisheries Corporation, and two large curing plants operated by the latter company at Rockland.

Centre of New Corporation.

The main centres of the new corporation's Maine activities will be at Rockland, where additional vessels are to be made of the Tillson docks—granite wharves—used by six steamship companies. On this Rockland property, which embraces twenty-two acres, are fifty structures and houses, and when the numbers will be doubled.

A building corporation, capitalized at \$200,000, has been incorporated by Eastern Coast Fisheries Products interests and by Rockland banking interests to provide housing accommodations for 5,000 to 7,000 additional people who will be employed at the plants. Rockland, which now has a population of 12,500 people, is doubling the day when its numbers will be doubled.

In addition to the fish which will be brought to the several plants by the fleet of sixty-five vessels, the corporation has made contracts for an additional 20,000,000 pounds a year. The total output will aggregate 150,000,000 pounds annually, which, every day, will be a lot of fish.

If the saildines alone, now being handled every forty minutes in one of the wharves, were placed and to be sent, they would stretch out just six and a half miles.

The officials of the company insist that the break in the link in the fish industry of the past was in the distribution, and they point out that this is exactly what was the matter with the beef business before the packers organized distribution. By keeping a continuous stream of fish flowing into the fish products plants and perfecting facilities for distribution, they claim, prices of fish are bound to come down and fish eating is going to become more popular in this country than it is now.

To Utilize By-Products.

They further declare that more money is to be made in utilizing the by-products of fish than in the sale of fish as plain fresh or frozen, and so every part of the fish is to be made to count. Part of the fish is to be salted, shredded and cured. The fats will be converted into glycerine and the livers of cod and haddock will go into "cod liver oil." The bones and scales will be manufactured into gelatine and glue. The offal will be made into fertilizer. Phosphorus in fish is also utilized chemically, and so hardly anything will be wasted.

In one of the new company's plants the entire overhead—power, wages of canners and all—is met by grinding up the heads of saildines, cooking them a couple of hours and turning them into "fish meal." Up to a year ago all these heads were thrown away. "Fish meal" is used to fatten hogs and cattle, and it also is fed to chickens. Georgia farmers are generous buyers of "fish meal." It is understood the chiefs of the company are banking on the belief that beef isn't as plentiful in this country as it is used to be, and that the time is not far distant when fish largely will take the place of meat that people cannot get.

One phase of the plans for the future provide for stripping the backbone out of a fresh fish, wrapping the flesh in paraffine paper and shipping it in one, two, three and seven pound packages in refrigerator cars direct to the consuming centres.

The officers and directors of the new company include I. M. Taylor, president; William F. Birch, president of the W. F. Birch Steel Company, Dover, N. J., vice-president; Richard Cole of F. K. Wilson & Co., textiles, New York; Irving Cox of Cox & Stevens, naval architect; L. McDougall, vice-president of the Security Trust Company of Rockland, Me.; Mark W. Norman, New York, secretary and treasurer; and Frederick G. Aulbrook, assistant secretary and treasurer.

BAD CHECK CAUSES ARREST.

Man Who Refuses to Talk About Himself Falls to Get \$400.

A check for \$400 presented at the Bank of America, 23 Wall street, yesterday by the cashier, A. O. Neill, to be forged, caused the arrest yesterday of George Anderson, 26, in the financial district. Anderson refused his address or any information about himself. The check bore the signature of Hugh Hill of 23 Wall street, and according to the police report, was declared by him to be fraudulent.

Neill told the police he suspected the check was bogus when Anderson shoved it through the cashier's window, and questioned the man, Anderson displayed some confusion, he said, and he left the building. Neill followed and caused his arrest. At Police Headquarters Anderson said he went to the bank for some change and denied having presented the check.

GIRL SLAYER HEARS EIGHT WITNESSES

Certain They Will Support Self-Defence Plea.

Special Despatch to The Sun. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 11.—Maude Moore, who surrendered to the police twenty hours after shooting Leroy D. Rich, president of the Tennessee Motor Company, heard eight State witnesses examined at her preliminary hearing for first degree murder this afternoon.

Evidently she believes there can be but one result when she tells her story, how his pistol dropped from his pocket as he was dragging her from his car, how she reached the weapon first and shot him.

J. M. Jett told of Harth coming on his porch at 10:35 at night saying, "I'm shot," and of Harth's reply to questions that Maude did it and that her motive was robbery.

Other witnesses were employees of the dead man who testified to many telephone calls in the same woman's voice last Monday to Harth's office.

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Includes Balance of Pre-Armistice Services and Big Sum for Rail Equipment.

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Negotiators set September 6 as the final date for presentation of claims on both sides. Unless protests had been made prior to September, the claims are to be considered as approved.

Exceptions to bills and claims will be adjusted, if other means fail, by the Parker Liquidation Commission set up by France by the War Department.

Separately from the A. E. F. claims, financial relations between France and the United States for the period before the armistice have been adjusted with a balance of \$10,779,512.79 in favor of the United States. About \$2 per capita in the effort to make life healthier, and Dr. Armstrong hopes that the same rounding process will go on there and elsewhere.

"What is the next step in the fight against tuberculosis?" he was asked yesterday at the office of the N. T. A. 351 Madison avenue, after he had attended a meeting of the National Metropolitan Life Insurance Company on the work at Framingham. The \$100,000 which this company contributed three years ago for experimental work on the prevention of tuberculosis and which was mainly expended in the Framingham demonstration station is now about gone, but Framingham itself has been raised to a center of tuberculosis research.

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Red Cross Plans Drive to Get \$7,000,000 With Which to Fight It.

IT WILL SELL STICKERS

First Step Is to Have Physical Examination to Uncover Hidden Troubles.

Physicians predict an increase in tuberculosis in the United States as one result of the war, and they expect this increase to be especially among women. In normal times more than women die of the White Scourge, but the unusually heavy work done by so many of the sex in munition factories and in taking the place of men on railways, farms, etc., has drained the strength of many in a way that leaves them peculiarly susceptible to tuberculosis.

The National Tuberculosis Association plans an energetic campaign to sell \$7,000,000 worth of the Red Cross tuberculosis stickers at Christmas time—those little stickers which are so familiar to the public every Christmas holiday until 1918, when the Red Cross sold \$2,500,000 of the money brought by its last drive of this kind of campaign.

Two or three millions would fall far short of what is needed to carry on the campaign which Donald B. Armstrong, M. D., executive director of the Framingham Community Health and Tuberculosis Demonstration of the N. T. A., deems necessary next year if the 1,000,000 active cases of tuberculosis now known to exist in the United States are not to be doubled. The budget for the coming year is more than \$6,500,000, and \$7,000,000 is needed to cover it.

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Murder Automobile Located in Binkowits Case.

New York city detectives at work in Bridgeport announced early this morning that the slayer of Benjamin Binkowits, the messenger who disappeared several weeks ago with \$175,000 worth of bonds belonging to the firm of Richard Whitney & Co., is known to them, that they have located the "murder" automobile from which the slain messenger's body was thrown and that only a few minor points remain to be eliminated before a clear case that can be proved in court is made out.

Detective Isaac Minheim of the Detective Bureau made the statement that the automobile has been located. His assertion was corroborated by Detective Thomas Morfoglio and Detective Sergeant Robert Virelli of the Connecticut State police, both of whom also have been at work on the murder. All, however, refused to reveal anything concerning the whereabouts either of the alleged murderers, or the automobile or the manner in which they obtained their information. The nearest they would come to parting with their information was to say that four ex-convicts were the messenger's slayers.

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WON RACE ACROSS OCEAN

Soldiers Will Help Lad's Efforts to Enter U. S.—Held at Ellis Island.

Folks living within a mile or so of Hoboken thought yesterday that at least three wars had been declared simultaneously. The wild yell which broke forth from the men of the A. E. F. on the transport Arcadia as she docked at the army base at Hoboken could have been due to no other reason, they thought. But they were wrong. For the men on the Arcadia, and particularly the men of the Sixtieth Quail Company, had heard that Mike was here.

Mike, it should be stated for the benefit of those who have never crossed the sea on an army transport, is Mike Gilmooley, 15 years old, half Belgian, half mostly Irish. Mike has visited the United States as a stow-away four times since last spring, and is now at Ellis Island, where he is treated with all the respectful solicitude which might be accorded an unmet Bengal tiger.

When he arrived on Wednesday in the brig of the transport Kronland, said brig having its door smashed all to toothpicks, he mentioned that he had tried to sail with friends of the 60th Quail Company on the transport Arcadia but had been put off. So he had taken the Kronland instead, a much faster boat.

INDIANA DEALERS INDICTED.

Fourteen Accused of Violating Food Laws.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 11.—Thirty-seven indictments against fourteen commission merchants and firms were returned to-day by the county Grand Jury which has been investigating the high cost of living.

The indictments charge violation of a State law which provides that certain foodstuffs shall be sold by weight or measure, and in which firms sold by the basket, bag, box or barrel.

FOUR MINERS KILLED IN FEUD.

Two Masked Men Escape After Shooting in Colorado.

TELLURIDE, Col., Sept. 11.—Four miners were shot and killed and a fifth was shot and badly wounded in the Tomboy mine near here to-day by two unidentified masked men, who escaped. Four men and a woman are under arrest.

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Bank of France Statement.

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